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# Ward 6 Newsletter

Tucson First

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### Not One More

Richard Martinez, in the photo, is the father of one of the victims who was killed in the Santa Barbara gun rampage that occurred on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Six people were murdered, and 14 others were injured in the event. Christopher Martinez was 20. He was seated in a deli and suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. Can

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you imagine burying your kid, especially under such senseless circumstances?



### Important Phone Numbers

#### Tucson Police Department

911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

#### Water Issues

791-3242/800-598-9449  
Emergency: 791-4133

#### Street Maintenance

791-3154

#### Graffiti Removal

792-2489

#### Abandoned Shopping Carts

791-3171

#### Neighborhood Resources

837-5013

#### SunTran/SunLink

792-9222

TDD: 628-1565

#### Environmental Services

791-3171

#### Park Wise

791-5071

#### Planning and Development Services

791-5550

#### Pima Animal Care Center

724-5900

#### Pima County Vector Control

Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 243-7999

## Continued: A Message From Steve

The photo on the front page is Richard speaking at a Memorial Service in honor of the victims. His message was pretty direct:

*"Today, I'm going to ask every person I can find to send a postcard to every politician they can think of with three words on it: 'Not one more.' People are looking for something to do. I'm asking people to stand up for something. Enough is enough."*

Shortly after that call to action, Everytown for Gun Safety joined in that effort. So far, over 500,000 people have sent those messages. I'd invite you to do the same.

Before our adopting the Memorial in support of the Brady Code of Conduct, one of the supporters gave me a wrist band that came from Richard Martinez. It contains the "call;" not one more. You'll see me wearing it as my own reminder to not let this issue fade.

As is so often the case in these sorts of incidents, the shooter ended up committing suicide before police could take him into custody. As is also commonplace, he had a history of psychological issues that had gone unaddressed. Although never formally diagnosed with a mental illness, he had seen multiple therapists since the age of 8. A psychiatrist had prescribed anti-psychotic meds used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. His mom said he had been diagnosed as having Asperger syndrome. After having turned 18 years of age, he began rejecting any mental health care.

Richard Martinez has blamed the attacks on "craven, irresponsible politicians" and the NRA for failing in adopting meaningful legislation. Pennsylvania Congressman Tim Murphy, a clinical psychologist, noted the need for bipartisan mental health legislation.

It's not either/or – it's both/and.

If you have a friend or loved one who is isolating or exhibiting behaviors that are of concern, call our local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (520.622.5582). Get help from the people who deal with the undeserved stigma and the treatable symptoms on a daily basis.

### Bus Strike

Last week, the Mayor and Council (M&C) passed the following two-part motion:

First, the City expects TransDev/PTM to make every effort to resolve the labor dispute immediately, and to specifically put all available funds within the approved budget on the table towards coming to that resolution. This includes all funds that would become available due to the savings realized from reduced operations, including fuel savings and any other administrative and operating costs that have been avoided during that time.

Second, the City expects TransDev/PTM to at all times meet its obligations in negotiations, act in good faith and fair dealing with the Teamsters. M&C believe the expanded hiring of temporary workers during the term of the work stoppage is counterproductive to

that obligation.

I was on the short end of a 6-1 vote. I will not be critical of my colleagues. This is a difficult situation for us, and for the entire community. But in the article which appeared in the Star, the reporter only noted the vote tally. No context for my dissent was provided. I'll provide it here.

TransDev is our management team. They're required by contract to operate the full system. That's 43 routes. Right now, they're running 15. Some of us on M&C have publicly weighed in on this issue. Regardless of where we may have differed, the Mayor and the Council have said to get buses running on as many routes as possible, as quickly as possible. That's what TransDev is required to do in order to comply with their contract with the City.

In an effort to do that, they began hiring temporary drivers. During our study session, I made the point that telling TransDev to both comply with their contractual obligation and to refrain from hiring temporary drivers is internally inconsistent. They can't do both. My interest is in seeing as many routes in operation as is possible. Now. That means temps.

As for the first part of the motion, I have issues with that as well. First, it's not a wise bargaining tactic to lay your bargaining chips on the table in a public setting. I'm not sure we shouldn't have done some of this in executive session. Next, we set the budget. There's no interest in reopening that budget, and even in the motion it's made clear that we expect both sides to work within that budget. And yet, unless it's relegated to a one-time return-to-work incentive such as I have proposed, whatever is negotiated this year will necessarily roll over into future year's obligations. Using the money we're saving due to the strike now may not force us out of budget this year, but unless we're willing to do some of the efficiencies or fare measures we have so far rejected, at some point in the future we'll have to find those added dollars.

Another Star reporter asked me if he felt we should have anticipated the Teamsters would want a raise. Of course we should have. Just as we should have anticipated each of our employee unions would. We said "no" to police, fire, communications, and blue collar workers. I wonder how they feel about the M&C voting in favor of increasing our financial obligations to the bus operators and mechanics.

Every worker in this City has gone too long without seeing pay and benefit increases. That's both public and private sector workers. That doesn't mean employers have the money to provide those benefits, even if the "ask" can be anticipated.

The bottom line for me is threefold. The Teamsters and TransDev should be meeting 24/7 until this strike is resolved. We should not be increasing our budgetary obligations for next year! And TransDev should be hiring from whatever pool of resources they need to in order to get buses running while negotiations are in process.

Last week I predicted a quick end. I missed that call. Cooler heads have not prevailed, yet. I'm still very optimistic though. I expect this to be over with very shortly.



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff  
Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman  
Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-  
881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug  
Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map  
[http://  
maps.tucsonaz.gov  
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)



### Sun Van

Let's do some forward thinking while this winds down. The Teamsters also represent Sun Van operators. The population they serve includes some of the most vulnerable people in the community. If M&C want to toss money at the Sun Tran drivers in the form of pay and benefits to settle this strike, how about using some of the "savings" we're telling TransDev to use to proactively address what may be coming in the Sun Van negotiations. We've just alerted the union that we'll 'find the money' if pushed. As bad as this strike has been in terms of inconveniencing riders throughout the City, I feel a whole other level of concern over seeing a work stoppage in the system that supports our disabled citizens.

We're told we cannot directly engage in these negotiations. That being the case, it is incumbent on everybody at the bargaining table to keep Sun Van's clientele in mind as they divide up the newly allocated money in settlement of this strike.

### Ronstadt Transit Center

We've received two proposals for the redevelopment of the Ronstadt Transit Center. We went through an exhaustive public process to get to the presentations. Hundreds of hours were invested by staff, the community, and both of the teams who brought proposals to the table.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the teams made public presentations. Both had PowerPoints, multiple members of their teams present, and we had a vibrant Q&A that went on for three hours. In response to that meeting, the sides were each sent the questions that were raised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and have been asked to respond. Until last week, it was my expectation that slight revisions to the proposals would be permitted. That would be in keeping with the spirit of the process we've seen to this point. Here's the notice of "Request for Revised Offers" that was sent out to the development teams:

### CITY OF TUCSON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER:	140983: PHASE II <b><u>**REQUEST FOR REVISED OFFERS**</u></b>
DUE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. LOCAL AZ TIME
SUBMITTAL LOCATION:	Department of Procurement 255 W. Alameda, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701
MATERIAL OR SERVICE:	RONSTADT TRANSIT CENTER JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: PHASE II <b><u>**REQUEST FOR REVISED OFFERS**</u></b>
CONTRACT OFFICER:	DAN LONGANECKER, CPPB
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	(520) 837-4125 <a href="mailto:Dan.Longanecker@tucsonaz.gov">Dan.Longanecker@tucsonaz.gov</a>

Sealed responses for the specified service shall be received by the Department of Procurement, 255 W. Alameda, 6th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701, until the date and time cited.

Responses must be in the actual possession of the Department of Procurement at the location indicated, on or prior to the exact date and time indicated above. The prevailing clock shall be the City Department of Procurement clock.

Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope/package. The Request for Proposal number and the offeror's name and address should be clearly indicated on the outside of the envelope. All responses must be completed in ink or type written. Questions must be addressed to the Contract Officer listed above.

**REQUEST FOR REVISED OFFERS / CONTENT AND FORMAT:**

Offerors are to submit written responses to clarification questions sent with this notice. These responses may be included as an appendix to any proposal revisions.

Offerors may also submit revisions/modifications to the Phase II proposal previously received. This may take in the form of revisions only, or an entirely new proposal package.

One (1) original and twelve (12) copies (13 total) of each response should be submitted on the forms and in the format specified in the initial Phase II Request for Proposal. Offerors shall also submit one electronic copy of the response on CD or zip drive in MS Office 2010 or .pdf format. Any confidential information shall be submitted on a separate cd, disc or zip disc. The original copy clearly labeled "Original" and shall be single-sided, three hole punched and in a binder. The original copy of the response should be clearly labeled "Original" and shall be single-sided, three hole punched and in a binder.

The Contract Officer and Office of Integrated Planning staff will be available to discuss the process and respond to related questions on September 9, 2015, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, at 149 N Stone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Attendance is not mandatory.

September 2, 2015

If you read it quickly, it looks pretty much as expected. But there's this one line that gives me cause for concern:

Offerors may also submit revisions/modifications to the Phase II proposal previously received. This may take in the form of revisions only, or an entirely new proposal package.

I'm not quite sure what our procurement people are thinking. To allow "an entirely new proposal package" after we've gone through about a year of public input and presentations, after development teams have spent thousands of dollars getting us what's on the table, and with the entire community awaiting closure on this is a very curious move.

The due date for the revisions is the end of the month. Our procurement people need to clarify that statement or this whole process may end up a huge waste of time and resources.

More on this as soon as that clarity is offered. I tried reaching out, but the response was chilly, at best.

### Something Fun – Tucson Botanical Gardens



Last Thursday evening, my bride, mother-in-law, and Ann joined me and a few hundred others to celebrate the opening of the Botanical Gardens' Art with Lego Bricks exhibit. The image shown above is just one of 13 Lego Brick sculptures now on display at the Gardens. Michelle and her staff have a lot to be proud of in this addition.

The exhibit is the work of acclaimed artist Sean Kenney. The project has been touring botanical gardens, zoos, arboretums, and other sites worldwide since 2012. This is their first stop in Tucson. You'll be amazed at the number of hours and tens of thousands of "bricks" included in each of the pieces. Each object has that and more information clearly displayed.

This is a totally family friendly asset to the Garden Dis-

trict in Ward 6. The exhibit will be up through New Year's. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 4:30pm. The Gardens' Butterfly Magic exhibit and café close a little earlier, so plan accordingly.

Congratulations to Michelle, Lloyd Construction, and Arizona Sports Flooring for their great collaboration on this new addition to the Gardens.

### Tucson Festival of Films

An update on the Tucson Festival of Films (TFOF) that's coming in a couple of weeks: Shelli Hall from Visit Tucson has been working to pull this event together. Venues will include both the Auditorium and the Cabaret over at the Temple of Music and Art, located at 330 S. Scott as well as The Loft Cinema. There'll be eight different local Festivals presenting shows over the three day event. Here's the schedule, including information on each show.

## Thursday October 8th

SCREENING	TIME	VENUE	PRESENTING FESTIVAL	RUNTIME
<b>RAISE THE ROOF</b>	6:30pm	Temple of Music & Art Auditorium	Tucson International Jewish Film Festival	84 Min.
<b>MAÏNA</b>	7:30pm	Temple of Music & Art Cabaret	Native Eyes Film Showcase	102 Min.
<b>DROPKICK</b>	9:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Auditorium	Arizona International Film Festival	73 Min.

## Friday October 9th

SCREENING	TIME	VENUE	PRESENTING FESTIVAL	RUNTIME
<b>TFOF SHORTS - DOCS</b>	5:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Cabaret	Tucson Festival of Films	90 Min.
<b>SOUNDS OF TUCSON</b> Plus special post-screening live concert	7:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Auditorium	Tucson Film and Music Festival	60 Min.
<b>DEATH IN THE DESERT</b>	9:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Auditorium	Arizona Underground Film Festival	80 Min.

## Saturday October 10th

SCREENING	TIME	VENUE	PRESENTING FESTIVAL	RUNTIME
<b>TFOF SHORTS - NARRATIVE</b>	6:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Cabaret	Tucson Festival of Films	90 Min.
<b>ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE</b> 40th anniversary gala screening	7:00pm	The Loft Cinema	Loft Film Fest	112 Min.
<b>GUEROS</b>	7:00pm	Temple of Music & Art Auditorium	Tucson Cine Mexico	106 Min.
<b>LAND MINE GOES CLICK</b>	9:30pm	Temple of Music & Art Cabaret	Tucson TerrorFest	110 Min.

You can [click here](#) to buy tickets.

This is a first for Tucson, and as soon as Shelli recovers from this year's event, I'm sure there'll be plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual in 2016. But first things first – come on out and support our local film arts community.

### Shakespeare in the Park



Coming ahead of the Festival of Films is this year's outdoor theater presentation of Shakespeare in the Park. The Himmel outdoor amphitheater will be the stage and seating area. The presentation comes through the work of the El Rio Theater Project. All of the proceeds from the suggested \$5 donation will go to support their work, and the efforts of the cast.

I walk through Himmel regularly throughout the week and see Director Michael Givens getting the gear set up for rehearsals. These folks put out a ton of effort on this production. It'll certainly be worth your time to stop by and show your support. Should be great weather and fun entertainment.

If you'd like more information, just call 791.4353. Curtains are at 7pm each night of the show.

### More Parks & Rec Information

This Wednesday, we're proud to host the first of the City-wide presentations by our Parks people in which we are asking for your input into the Parks Five Year Master Plan. As you know, there will be a series of County Bonds on the ballot in November. The largest component of that package is related to upgrades to parks.

This Master Plan process includes a series of six Open Houses during which Norris-Design will facilitate break-out sessions in which you can weigh in on what your priorities are for how we grow and manage City parks facilities.

The first opportunity will take place at the Copper Room over at Randolph Park, 600 S. Alvernon. The meeting will run from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. There'll be an identical presentation in each Ward of the City. In case you can't make ours, the remaining calendar of presentations is:

Ward 3 – Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Donna Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ward 5 – Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the El Pueblo Activity Center, 101 W. Irvington

Ward 1 – Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway

Ward 4 – Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the William Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana

Ward 2 – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Sahuaro High School, 545 N. Camino Seco

You can get updates and plan information by emailing [parksmasterplan@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:parksmasterplan@tucsonaz.gov).

Parks and Recreation is one of our Charter-mandated core services. I invite you to come and



be a part of planning for our future growth in this key area of who we are.

### **More Citizen Involvement – TRRG**

I mentioned above the County Bond questions and our City Charter. In November, we'll be voting on changes to the Charter and on the \$815M in Bonds. We'll also be voting on whether or not to give M&C a pay increase.

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government will be hosting a series of informational presentations related to each of those issues. All citizens are invited to attend. You'll have three chances to take part. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Ward 2 Office will play host. That meeting will run from 6:30pm until 8pm. On October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 7:30pm, TRRG will use the Quincie Douglas Library at 1585 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St for the presentation. We're hosting at the Ward 6 Office on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting will run from 6:30pm until 8pm.

Each of the meetings will feature citizens who served on the committees that worked to get the measures to the ballot. The Charter changes involve Mayoral parity and Civil Service protections for City workers. There's a different citizen committee recommending a pay increase for M&C, and I've written plenty about the County Bond questions. All three will be covered at each of the presentations.

These are important issues, regardless of how you end up voting. Be an informed voter. These presentations are a chance for you to do that.

### **Council Candidate Forums**

In the Saturday Star, there were two Council candidate forums listed. I don't know who has indicated they'll be participating, but the dates/times/locations are these:

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – UA Modern Language Building, Room 311

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm – Dunbar School Auditorium, 325 W. Second Street

### **City of South Tucson Items**



Last Wednesday, we approved an Intergovernmental Agreement under which the City will lease to South Tucson some trash collection trucks along with about 1,400 containers – like the barrels you have outside your house for when Environmental Services comes for your garbage. The deal is a six month agreement that covers the cost of leasing the equipment. South Tucson has paid two months up front.

Under the agreement, we bill South Tucson and they pay us. It's South Tucson's job to collect payment from its residents. During the study session, I voiced a different preference. That is, we bill the residents directly and cut the government-to-government part of this out of the equation.

The City of South Tucson is one square mile. It's smaller than some midtown neighborhoods. I believe it makes more sense for us to simply expand our current service area to pick up the South Tucson residents' trash and bill them directly. Right now, your trash collection bill appears on your monthly water bill. If you don't pay, we have the right and



the ability to simply cut off your water service. We already include South Tucson in our water service delivery and bill residents accordingly. What I've said to a Star reporter is to simply slap the E.S. fee onto their existing water bills, develop relationship with the residents, and not use the other government to collect our bills. It seems much simpler, and taking on the work is something we could easily handle.

I've encouraged the City Manager to give it some thought. I have also spoken to the Mayor, Assistant City Manager, and Outreach Director for South Tucson. They all view the idea as positive, and in fact would prefer it to having to bid out services through a Request for Proposals. We should know the outcome of the discussions soon.

### **Tucson Greyhound Park**

During my meeting with South Tucson Mayor Miguel Rojas, we talked about several different economic development options they have open. One that I raised was the possibility of turning the existing Greyhound Park (TGP) into something that would be more of a community asset, potentially generating tax revenues and providing retail or recreational opportunities for the nearby residents. I was encouraged to hear that they're in the process of trying to contact the owners of the Park to propose such an idea. It's a piece of real estate that holds far more potential for the area than serving its current purpose. I've offered to assist them in whatever manner they think may be of value.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, the last remaining greyhound track in Texas will be closing. Aside from Tucson, that means Tijuana will be the only live greyhound racing track left open in the West. The trend is clear – the public does not support that activity as “sport.” The State of Arizona continues to use your tax dollars to subsidize it, while it also continues to refuse to tax even online betting. Closing TGP would in fact save the State money while providing South Tucson a vehicle for increasing its own tax revenue. It would be one more step towards eliminating Greyhound dog racing. Lots of upsides. I've been in touch with the South Tucson folks since our meeting and will continue to follow up offering my assistance.

### **More Dog Items**

A huge thanks to all who came out in support of the licensing/vaccinations/spay-neuter/goodies event last weekend at our office. From the City, Andy Squire was the lead dog. From the Humane Society, that'd be Brandy Burke. PACC was represented by Josh Frits. Those groups pulled in vets to administer vaccinations and processed over 200 new dog licenses. The final tally isn't in yet for the vaccines, but it will be in the neighborhood of 150, plus 50 micro-chips that will give those dogs a much better chance of making it home again if they go missing.

If you use our rooms for your events, you'll recognize the west room – turned into a clinic by the Humane Society vets.



And the community room was our waiting area.



It had a unique scent for a while, but after some cleaning it's like it never happened. Definitely worth the minor inconvenience.

The non-profits represented were Tucson Tails, The Pet Club (provided gobs of dog goodies), No Kill Pima County, Hermitage Cat Shelter, and Border Collie Rescue. The volunteers who came from the Humane Society managed the crowd and kept things moving. No dog fights – no injuries – good event. It was beyond the expectations I had when I first proposed doing this to City Manager Martha Durkin (who also came incognito to do the licensing – “outed”).

If you missed this one, Richard Fimbres will be hosting something similar that's called a 48-Hour MASH Clinic. The goal over there will be to spay/neuter 500 animals – for free. The event is going to be held from October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Los Ranchitos Elementary School (Ward 5's office won't be able to boast the aroma ours did). The school's located at 2054 E. Ginter Road, which is one block North of Valencia and one block West of Tucson Blvd. This'll be another collaboration involving the Humane Society, PACC, and several other groups. The County spay/neuter program (AWASA) is deeply involved. That's the group I wanted M&C to fund a couple of years ago. I ended up doing so out of our Ward budget. Getting animals fixed is the long term solution to the community needs we continue to see in terms of too many adoptable animals and too few homes.

If you'd like more information on the upcoming MASH event, you can call 520.319.1169, check it out on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/48hrMASHclinicTucson>, or go to [48hourmashtucson.com](http://48hourmashtucson.com).

I know they're looking for volunteers, so if you've got some time, they can use the help.

### **Puppy Mill Ordinance**

To close the loop on what I shared in a recent newsletter related to our Puppy Mill Ordi-

nance, the City of Phoenix won its lawsuit on the ordinance it adopted a while before we did ours. As you may recall, when we passed our Ordinance, it came with the caveat that we'd wait until the Phoenix litigation was concluded before implementation. After the Court ruled in favor of the City of Phoenix, the plaintiffs had 30 days to appeal. They did. The Phoenix ordinance is now headed to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. We're still in a holding pattern, pending the result of that process.

### **Historic Preservation Tax Incentives**

Now that the dog event is over at Ward 6, I'll make a point to promote our next large event. That's the chance for you to learn about saving significantly in property taxes on your own-occupied home.

If you meet certain well-defined criteria, by listing your home on the National Register you may end up reducing your property tax by up to 50% over a period of 15 years. There are benefits for commercial properties, too. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we're going to have people from our historic preservation office and the County Assessor's office on hand to go over those criteria and answer any questions you may have about how you can apply for the benefits. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 80% of eligible households do not take advantage of these opportunities.

Come on over to the Ward Office on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll begin at 5:30pm and go until all of your questions have been answered. Forms to apply will be on hand. Carving out a part of that evening may end up saving you a pretty good chunk of change over time. We're located at 3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.



sacred space  
gathering<sup>sm</sup>  
•spirituality•wisdom•music•

I've shared in the past about the Sacred Space group that meets weekly at the Ward 6 Office. It's a totally open and welcoming time. They begin at 4:30pm every Sunday.

Teresa Cowan-Jones leads the group, and each session features a different speaker. This is a non-sectarian time to explore what motivates our inner selves.

The group is beginning a study of Karen Armstrong's book "*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*." They'll be working their way through that book in monthly 90 minute segments. It's a 'Book Club,' but more of a way to gather with others and work through its concepts and look at how they're applied to our daily interactions.

If you'd like to check out the "Book Club," come to the Ward 6 common room any Sunday at 4:30pm. Teresa will be there to get you signed up. Or, you can email her at [tc@tcjonescoaching.com](mailto:tc@tcjonescoaching.com). Either way works equally well.



*A note of compassion in closing...*

The picture is of TPD officer Alexandra Rambaran. Recently, while out on patrol she saw a guy laying on the railroad tracks over by Speedway and I-10. As the railroad arms were coming down, she raced over to him and was able to pull him off the tracks as a train was approaching. He resisted, and to keep him from jumping up and inadvertently ending up back in the train's path of travel, she forcefully held him down until it was safe.

Sometimes the phrase "all in a day's work" doesn't quite capture the scope of what many of our City employees do. Alexandra deserves special mention for having saved this guy's life, all in a day's work.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6  
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## Events and Entertainment

*What's going on in Ward 6 this week...*

### **'Growing Up in Tucson: From the Fifties Onward' Panel Discussion**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6 pm**

**UA Special Collections, 1510 E University Blvd**

The evening's panel features an eclectic group of four Tucsonans, remembering life from the 1950s onward. Joining us to share their stories will be former City Councilwoman Molly McKasson, business owner Katya Peterson, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias and Lydia Otero, Professor of Mexican American Studies. This panel discussion is the second event being offered in conjunction with Special Collections' exhibit, "Tucson: Growth, Change and Memories." More info: [speccoll.library.arizona.edu/exhibits](http://speccoll.library.arizona.edu/exhibits).

### **LWV Pima County Bond Informational Program**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015, 10 am – 12 pm, Meet-and-Greet at 9:30 am**

**Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 101 N Stone**

Join the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson for a free program about the upcoming bond election. The program will include a presentation about the development of the bond package and the seven propositions, followed by a panel including County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez; Pima County Deputy County Administrator Tom Burke addressing tax and financial aspects of the proposals; local attorney Larry Hecker, chair of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee speaking in support of the package; and Bond Advisory Committee member Joe Boogaart, spokesperson for Taxpayers Against Pima Bonds, speaking against the bond package. [www.lwvgt.org/calendar.html](http://www.lwvgt.org/calendar.html)



## **Taste of Tucson**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015, 11 am – 2 pm**

**Reid Park at the corner of Country Club and Camino Campestre**

Tucson Originals hosts the 1st annual Taste of Tucson event, celebrating Tucson's food, people and extraordinary quality of life. Sample cuisine from 15 local restaurants, including Mama's Hawaiian Bar-b-cue, Fresco Pizzeria, and Claire's Cafe. There will be music, games and over \$800 in raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson.

[www.facebook.com/events/1128444953837123/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1128444953837123/)

## **Ongoing . . . .**

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am – 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm – 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustin Mission. Features Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit-trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants. *For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.*

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childernsmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childernsmuseumtucson.org)

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way

September 11, 2015 – January 3, 2016: "Nature Connects, Art with LEGO Bricks"

[www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave

[www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St

[hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St

[www.rialtotheatre.com/](http://www.rialtotheatre.com/)

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

[www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave

[www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave

July 25, 2015 - October 11, 2015: Arizona Biennial 2015

[www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

**February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

"Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe.

[www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)